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Dear Novick:

I do not think that I can help you very much with your problem concerning cooperation with the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. The only useful advice I can give is as follows: The Russian Academy likes to deal with organizations rather than with individuals. Therefore you should approach them in the name of an appropriate organization and preferably through the National Academy of Sciences of which I assume Lederberg is a member. You should write to Alexander Topchiev, General Secretary of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., Leninskiy Prospekt, Moscow.

At the moment I am snowed under, trying to get two manuscripts ready for printing in the next ten days. When I emerge I shall write you again.

With kind regards,

Yours

Dear Josh,

I wrote Szilard about the possibility of him being the man to promote a joint US-USSR probe. Here's his reply.

Also I wrote Jerry Gross about ~~the~~ being a full-time space biology promoter. He does not think he can right now. If I learn more I'll write, of course. Best regards,
Aaron

James Watson